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- The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to participate in Unified Command with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Harris County Pollution Control Services, and ITC.
- EPA continues to participate in the daily press conferences held at the Incident Command Post.
- At 8:26 am on March 24, 2019, ITC delivered a signed response (with the required plan attached) to the Administrative Order under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act delivered to ITC on March 23, 2019.
- ITC completed removal of product from Tank 80-7 (Py Gas) on March 24, 2019. Only residual product/water remain in the tank.
- On March 24, 2019, ITC continued removal of liquids out of the secondary containment to maintain approximately 1-foot depth. A layer of foam is being maintained upon the remaining liquid. (Correction for morning update: changed from 1 inch to 1 foot depth)
- On March 24, 2019, ITC continues to remove water/product from Tucker Bayou.
- On March 24,2019, the ship channel continues to remain closed.
- EPA revised the quality assurance sampling plan (QASP) which addresses the sampling and analytical methodology for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to utilize the ASTM D 7979 analytical method which is more appropriate for surface water samples.
- On March 24, 2019, EPA coordinated with the Region 5 laboratory in regards to water sample logistics and analytical report deliverables for PFAS analysis.
- EPA collected surface water samples on March 24, 2019 at 6 locations. Three sample locations were along Buffalo Bayou and three locations were along the San Jacinto River.
- The Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) aircraft
 was unable to collect chemical information on March 24, 2019, due to cloud cover. ASPECT
 was able to take photos.
- EPA conducted handheld air monitoring from March 24, 2019 4:00 am to 12:00 pm at 17 locations. No results above the detection limit have been observed.
- Several entities including Harris County, TCEQ, EPA, the 6th Civil Support Team, and ITC continue to conduct air monitoring around the tank farm, in adjoining industrial areas, and communities downwind from the facility.
- ITC continued air monitoring on March 24, 2019; there were 2,593 VOCs readings (110 detects) and 1,884 benzene readings (109 detects) to date. During this reporting period, there were 261 VOCs readings (1 detect) and 190 benzene readings (0 detects).
- TCEQ continued handheld air monitoring between 4:00 am and 12:00 pm on March 24,
 2019; there were no benzene readings with detected values.

